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Interview Summary

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Examiner

Natalie K. Walford

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 04 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: Independent claim 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Mizuguchi.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed how the Prior Art differed from the instant application. Mizuguchi teaches that the mask is compressed, which teaches away from Applicant's invention of the mask being drawn taut. The Examiner agreed to reopen prosecution.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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